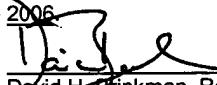




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NOTIFICATION OF ERROR IN PAYMENT OF FEE(S)
AS A SMALL ENTITY (37 C.F.R. §1.28(c))

Sir:

On February 1, 1999, a small entity assertion was filed in this patent. This assertion of small entity status in this patent and the payment of fee(s) as a small entity were made in good faith. It has now been discovered that a notification of loss of entitlement to small entity status pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.27(g)(2) was inadvertently not filed prior to payment of the Issue Fee on May 23, 2002. The Issue Fee was paid as small entity. The first Maintenance Fee was recently paid correctly as large entity.

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Counsel is now taking the necessary steps to comply with the submission and itemization requirements of paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(2) of C.F.R. §1.28, and the deficiency payment requirement of paragraph (c)(2).

<u>Fee(s) Erroneously Paid As A Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee Actually Paid As A Small Entity</u>	<u>Deficiency Owed</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The issue fee paid on <u>5/23/02</u>	<u>\$640.00</u>	<u>\$760.00</u>
Total Deficiency Owed <u>\$760.00</u>		

The total deficiency owed is paid as follows:

- Attached is a Check Money Order in the amount of \$760.00
- Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$ _____
- to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.
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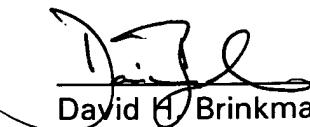
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